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The Editor,

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Dear Editor,

Luciano Del Negro [Dec.6] is rewriting history with manufactured statements that bear no relationship to the facts on the ground, created by the illegal settlements that Israel is continuing to create and its oppressive occupation. These illegal settlements make it impossible to create a truly independent viable Palestinian state.

The basic fact is that this occupation is illegal and stands in defiance of international law and repeated Security Council resolutions. If there is to be peace, this illegal occupation must be unconditionally terminated and all the illegal settlements dismantled. Illegal occupation does not require negotiation. When Iraq illegally occupied Kuwait in 1990, no one asked the Kuwaitis and Iraqis to negotiate terms of withdrawal. One Security Council resolution was passed and when occupation was not terminated within few weeks, the UN and the international community sent massive troops that forced Iraq out of Kuwait.

The illegal Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory has gone on for 45 years. It is time for the international community to use its political power to bring about the complete termination of this illegal occupation, so that peace and security can be attained for Muslims, Christians and Jews in this tortured land.

Yours sincerely.

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